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Diary of Colonel and Mrs. I. N. Ebey

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January, 1853.

Thursday 13th

Morning frosty and clear quite cool last night Some ice again in the water barrels I feel very uncomfortable today have a bad pain in my breast from hard grieving to see our family all going to the tombs so fast; a few years ago father, mother, and a number of other relations were living and in happiness together and now we number but few, but we must not repine the world must all go to the graves. We are all doomed to die for dust we are, and unto dust we must return, While our souls if righteous go back to God Who gave them—

Friday 14

Day cool and a large frost on the ground this morning I have Sam digging beds to set out onions there are a great many in the old beds growing

Saturday 15th

Still cool, and clear, with frost greatly fear some more cold weather. Very busy today as usual on Saturday.

Sunday 16th

This is a beautiful clear warm day. Samuel Crocket here a few minutes this morning I looked for his mother but she is not coming I do not know why they cannot come to see me in my distress They are happy or ought to be happy no deaths among them; Yet, they know not when their time may come. I do not envy them their happiness for no doubt they think they have their troubles. We ought all to be content when we are all alive and well for we know not how soon we may have a departed friend to mourn for. Another Week has commenced and we are yet spared who of us are here. and I hope my dear husband is still well and will get home safe. When he is gone I always feel dessolate But how thankful we should be that we are still spared and in reasonable health. Yet the burthen of grief is not extinguished.

**Monday 17.**

Another beautiful day has dawned upon us. It is so warm and clear that I begin to feel like gardening though it is too soon for some vegetables. I am very busy today sewing at Ellison's coat he is very anxious that I should get it done. The water is very calm and the Snow mountains are quite visible today. Two large vessels anchored at Port Townsend last evening one is very much like a Man of War.

**Tuesday 18th,**

Weather pleasant with but very little wind. John Shaw and Capt. Coffin went over to Port Townsend today with some indians. I sent some letters to Mr. Ebey and three to the States and one to aunt Martha, by John Shaw to take to the Olympia office as he is going up the first opportunity.

**Wednesday 19th**

A little cloudy today and strong wind South. Orinaldo Smith<sup>67</sup> came over to borrow coffee and staid all night last night. He is so rude that I had a disagreeable time with him. Cordelia is at Mr. Alaxander's staying there.

**Thursday 20th**

Today is pleasant but a little cloudy. not much breeze stirring. I am washing today and I have Sam busy digging onion beds. he gets along very slow. We have now 3 long beds of onions set out and two or three more to dig. Evening clear and my clothes drying.

**Friday 21st**

Clear and warm today, very much like Summer weather. But little wind stirring. Hugh Crocket here a little while this morning on his way to the Cove. The male neighbors all stay very close at home I suppose they are affraid to turn out to walk on account of changeable weather. They all have horses but are afraid to ride them.

**Saturday 22nd**

Still clear and warm. The Straits are very calm and beautiful. The children are digging onions today and Sam is digging a bed. I am ironing and baking bread for Sunday. Dr. Lansdale was here today. He says Mr. Smith started up the Sound today and he wrote by him to Mr. Ebey a great many indians have gone up to Olympia to trade potatoes.

**Sunday 23rd**

Very foggy this morning we can see no distance but the weathers is warm. I am very lonesome today. No person here but the

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<sup>67</sup>Rinaldo R. Smith.

children I am reading to the children in the bible about Christ's Crucifixion which seems to interest them very much. A great many squaws came to dig potatoes, I made them leave some came trading but I would not trade with them. on this day.

#### Monday 24th

Very foggy this morning but when it went off the day was clear and pleasant until toward evening when it thickened up again and continued so. The days appear to be getting quite long by rising early We get up every morning in time to have breakfast by daylight, by which means I have the daylight to do my particular work in Sam is setting out onions today. The children are digging them up for him. Some indians came over from Port Townsend today I expected to receive a letter and some papers by them but did not and was badly disappointed It seems I can get no letters and papers at all from the office and am quite discouraged at hearing no good news from my friends.

#### Tuesday 25

Morning very thick with fog everything very damp from it continues so all day. Mr. Engle and Mr. Hill have started with our oxen in the Scow over to Mr. Martin's to haul their piles I sent by them to the store for some ticking to make the children a bed. John Crocket was here today to borrow tools chisels and a plane. Susan is at his house and her and Ann talk of coming over to see us but I do not look for them at all and think very hard of them for not coming to see me. Sam is sick today and can do nothing but sit in the corner. I wrote a letter to Mr. Ebey today to send by the indians to Port Townsend to go to Olympia.

#### Wednesday 26th

Day warm and clear equal to a Summers day Sam is sick and cannot do much today The children finished setting out Some fine raspberry bushes and went with Sam to get gooseberry bushes to trasnplant in the yard, and procured some very fine ones. We are all well today A vessel has been trying to get out of the Strait all day but is driven back by the tide and cannot get out today She is anchoring above Port Townsend this evening. Major Show and Mr. Howe were here this evening to see if I had heard anything from Mr. Ebey lately. I had heard nothing from him but hope to hear soon. George Allen was here to borrow our froe.<sup>68</sup> I could not refuse but hated very much to let it go.

<sup>68</sup>A frow. A primitive instrument for splitting shingles, staves, etc. See New Standard Dictionary.

## Thursday 27th

Morning warm but cloudy but little breeze this morning The water is very calm. The above named vessel has sailed again and going out very slowly. I feel better today than I have done; Although I grieved a great deal in the night when all was sound asleep I cannot get this load of grief away yet I know it does neither Mother nor myself any good but is a great injury to me, but I cannot help it. She was so near to me. I think if Mr. Ebey was here I would not take it so hard I am alone and no person who can take interest in my wellfare to converse with and thus I have a great deal of time to think over times past and gone I pray to the Lord to uphold me and enable me to bear it with more patience lest I wear my body down and become unable to raise my family.

## Friday 28th

Cloudy in the forenoon and very windy but the afternoon is clear calm and warm. I am alone all day with the exception of the company of Sam which is better than none; Eason and Ellison have gone on a visit to John Crocket's They were very anxious to go and as they have been confined at home all winter I concluded to let them go. They are a great deal of company although they are noisy I discovered a vessel a long distance off, coming up the Straits this evening, but she is not discoverable at present. None of the neighbors passing today I have not felt well today and have employed my time knitting and reading a part of the time in the bible and a part in the life of Olympia Morata.<sup>69</sup>

## Friday 29th

Vrey cloudy and windy today a good deal of rain fell in the evening Eason and Sam went to Mr. Crockett's after some turnips and cabbage and was gone nearly all day. I do not feel well today but I washed some by the assistance of an indian who chanced to come along. The above named vessel has been anchored all day on the shore opposite us but in the evening late the wind ceased and she put in to P. Townsend and fired two cannon shot.

## Sunday 30th

Still cloudy a refreshing rain fell last night this morning is quite warm but the evening is turning cool and the South wind is very high Another vessel came up today she is anchored below Port Townsend and cannot get up for the wind No person was here

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<sup>69</sup>Olympia Fulvia Morata (1526-1555), an Italian scholar, author of *Critical Observations on Homer*.

today but Hugh Crocket. We are all well for which I am truly thankful.

Monday 31st

The wind has been harder all night than I ever have known it. The house rocked to and fro all night and I expected every minute the house top would come off. The wind continued very high from the South West all day. A large barque came up today and anchored above Port Townsend.

February Tuesday 1st

Very pleasant today. a good westward breeze for vessels to sail in at the Straits. This morning at daylight we discovered a brig and a barque coming up very rapidly. The brig came very near and appeared to be anchoring for a while but she was Capt. Coupe's vessel chored above P. T. We thought at first she was Capt. Coupe's vessel but I suppose were mistaken. Capt. Fowler<sup>70</sup> is today anchored in Penn's Cove from her we received the mail from Olympia which we have not had for a long time. I received two letters from Mr. Ebey which state that he will be home before long. The last Olympia papers give the proceedings of the legislators. Mr. Ebey has had four Counties organized and their county seats stationed for which among other things he is extolled very highly by his friends publicly. I am very much pleased to hear that they can see that he has attended to his duty faithfully. Our county is called Island county and Coveland the County seat. The name is very appropriate and I am truly glad we have a county of our own. Olympia is made the Countyseat of Thurston County. Those who have went this Winter to the Southern mines have suffered a great deal for want of provisions and lost all their cattle by the cold weather. They had snow from five to six feet deep. I fear my brothers have gone there. I can hear nothing of them. Snow at Salem was two and three feet deep. I think we were greatly blessed not to have more snow than two inches.

Wednesday 2nd

We ate breakfast before daylight this morning. Just at daylight we saw two vessels coming up the Straits. We had some rain last night. Sam wants to go to Capt Fowler today, he has heard he wants him. I understand the Capt bought Sam some time ago. This morning is still cloudy, with a beautiful westward breeze.

Thursday 3rd

It is colder than common this morning. Day very clear and cool the ground is frozen. Wind North. No vessels passing today

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<sup>70</sup>Captain E. S. Fowler.

we have no indian now and we are quite lonesome The cattle are begining to interupt our onions I fear they will injure them greatly before I can get them fenced but I think Mr. Ebey will be at home soon and then all will be right. Mr. Alaxander brought me over 13 pounds of pork today for which I gave him 3½ pounds of butter. The children have been obedient industrious boys today and have studded their lessons well. Evening clear, and air feels frosty.

Friday 4th

Morning cold a good deal of ice in the house this I washed today I sent word to George Allen the other day to send me Charley's brother John to stay a month as I heard he had been wanting to hire to him very cheap but he could not get him to come and sent Charley's nephew a little boy of 12 who appears to be very industrious and obedient much better than Sam. Eason has gone after the cow she is hard to find this morning. Sam came today for his pay I had to give him a blanket but he did not deserve anything more than what I had given him which was a good old coat hat boots and 2 good old shirts They are all a great deal of trouble to settle off with and I hope the time will come when we can do without them It is a trouble and an agravation to get them to do their work you have to be always hurrying them and explaining to them.

Saturday 5th

Very cool this morning but toward evening the weather moderated greatly I scrubbed the floor this morning and this evening I feel very badly. Mr. Howe and Mr. Hollbrook were here today to see if the indians had brought over the Island mail from Port Townsend but they had not and it is very wrong of the people over there that they have kept our mails all over there this winter that have been sent down from Olympia which has been done at different times this Winter.

Sunday 6th

Very pleasant this morning, but cloudy all day very little wind The bay is perfectly calm all day Myself and children are alone all day No person at all passing but we are not lonely we are diligently employing our time in reading The Scripture and Sermons and striving to store up knowledge in our minds, Which will be of some advantage to us in our latter days Eason & Ellison have been very good boys today and have not played nor done anything very wrong They have studded their lessons and rested themselves by taking a walk over the prairie and done the little cheurs which was obliged to be done about the house such as carrying water bring up the cow to be milked &c. I

feel much better today both in mind and body than I have done for some time and hope I may continue to feel so well I feel determined to spend more of my time to the service of God; and through the support of his grace and His protection, through life, and a strict adherence to what should be a christian's duty, I think I will enjoy life better. A firm Christian can be resigned to whatsoever troubles may befall them and make themselves happy and content by doing good and living in the path of duty.

Monday 7th

This morning is very cloudy a little snow fell last night and I fear we will have more though it is not very cold I am all alone at present; the children have gone to Mr. Alaxander's on an errand. I will look for Mr. Ebey home now in a few days I will be very happy to see him come to his pleasant Island home once more and I hope he will not have to leave it soon again. Yet he *may*, I cannot tell at *present*.

Tuesday 8th

Morning cloudy and frosty; Toward noon the sun shone out very bright and the evening was beautiful and clear. We could see old Mount Baker very plain and the tops of the Olympic mountains. Dr Lansdale was over to exchange some newspapers. Some indians were here from Port Townsend. They are in a great way about their potatoes. Mr. Starling will not pay them now, and wishes us settlers to do it, I think, very wrong in him, for, it is his duty.

Wednesday 9th

Clear and frosty this morning; And quite cool, but very pleasant Winter weather Mr. Engle went to Oak Harbor today and will not be back tonight so he got John Alaxander to come and stay all night The day has been so clear and warm that I looked for some of the neighbor women to come and see me but it seems they cannot get off from home this Winter. Eason and Ellison have a great deal to do now; We cannot keep an indian more than two or three days at a time, and the little boys are almost run down now hunting the cow, bringing water, and other little errands; They have gone now to Mr. Hill's to see if there are any indians there, and to feed their cat and dog as none of them are at home The water is beautiful and calm today. There is but very little wind, and very little serfe rising. No vessels are passing these days.

Thursday 10th

Morning very foggy and also a heavy frost, Evening clear and pleasant; very little breeze from the West. Looking anxiously for my



husband home every day, and all the time hoping he may get home safely and in usual health. My mind is a little better composed for a few days back than it had been heretofore I do hope and pray it may continue so, particularly on account of my health and the comfort of my family. Eason and Ellison are very busy today at their books and have learned several lessons a piece today; some days they are very studious and others they are very neglectful.

Friday 11th

Somewhat cloudy all day today. I washed today Tonight it is raining. Mr. Engle here tonight. Looking hard for Mr. Ebey and very anxious to see him.

Saturday 12th

Day cloudy and a great appearance of rain Very little wind, the water is beautiful and calm. I have been busy all day ironing cleaning up and mend the children's clothes Mrs. Alaxander came over this evening to spend the night I was very much pleased to see her and had been look for her for a long time She brought her two small children with her. The babe is the best child I ever saw.<sup>71</sup> and Mrs. A. is very cheerful and makes me feel much better than I have done to be awhile in her company.

Sunday 13th

Morning cloudy, but warm and pleasant Susan Crockett walked here today with Hugh and spent the day and went home in the evening, I was very happy to see her in my house once more, yet I was fearful the walk would make her sick and wished her to stay all night but she could not. This Sabbath was not as lonely to me as the former ones have been since Mr. Ebey went away. The neighbors begin to think they must come to see me again before Mr. Ebey comes home. Mrs. A. went home late this evening.

Monday 14th

Morning cloudy with some rain; a good deal of rain fell last night. Our cattle are brought home and they look very badly I fear they will not be able to do our Spring's work. Ellison is sick and I sent to the Dr. for some medicine for him and he came himself and left two doses. He thought it was worms and cold. something like he was last Spring.

Tuesday 15th

Very gloomy and cloudy today and some rain now and then;

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<sup>71</sup>Abraham L. Alexander.

though moderate and warm, growing weather. We had stuffed pheasants for dinner today which was excellent

#### Wednesday 16

Morning cloudy with a little rain Hugh Crocket and Mr. Hill are cutting wood to haul for me as I am out again. They will haul tomorrow as they cannot get the oxen today It cleared off in the evening and we had a beautiful clear moonlight night

#### Thursday 17

Morning clear and very pleasant until noon when it clouded up again and has the appearance of rain. Hugh Crocket hauled us wood today. I hired two Cloochmen<sup>72</sup> to finish digging and setting out onions and paid them in a few potatoes and a little thread Capt. Paddle came today in a canoe and sent up for some potatoes I let him have a half bushel for a dollar. Six large indians came today and crowded in the door so that I could not stand them, and tried to get them out and shut the door but they stood still and sauced me untill I was afraid of them and went and sat down and gave them up, but when they found I would say no more they started off. I never was more vexed, and still afraid to compel them to go not knowing what so many large indians might do where there was no white man near and they knew no person was here but myself and the children.

#### Friday 18th

Morning a little cloudy and quite warm. I am very unwell today scarcely able to go about the house; but if the indians would let me alone I could get along better. three lads came today just to pester me because they knew Mr. Ebey was not at home; They stood around the door and when the children would have to go out they would fight them and sauce me and laugh when I would tell them to go away. At last I took a stick and tried to run them off. They ran a short distance and one who had a rifle pointed it at me and held it so for some minutes and I started in the house and sat down directly two of them came in the house with a rifle I made them take it out and started Eason after Mr. Hill. They soon started off in a run and did not stop to look back. In the time I almost fainted and trembled all over, although I knew they would be afraid to do any mischief yet I could not help being frightened, not being well and unable to bear such disturbances. I hope it will not be long before Mr Ebey will come I am becoming weary with anxiety for his return I am continually looking and cannot see nor hear of my

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<sup>72</sup>Cloochman or Klooohman is a Chinook Jargon word equivalent to squaw.

dear husband I am not afraid of the savages if he is only in the neighborhood

Saturday 19th

Morning cloudy with some gentle showers of rain, until 10 o'clock when the Sun shone out clear, and we had a delightful evening; And one thing which made it seem more exceedingly delightful, My dear husband arrived safe at home, about 11 o'clock; I had, all morning, been wishing to the children that their pa' would come home; and felt more desirous of seeing him than usual. I feel truly thankful to the "giver of all good and perfect Gifts" that he was spared to return home safe to his family, who stood so much in need of his assistance and company. May the Lord bless and sustain us, and make us humble and grateful servants unto the end. We received a letter from brother John. He was at the falls of the Columbia and expected to come on, soon.

Sunday 20th

Day pleasant and clear Mr Alexander was here a short time today talking over the doings of the Legislature. We are all well. Mr. Ebey is very tired traveling but is in good spirits, at his own happy home once more. Hugh Crocket and G. Allen were here for dinner today.

Monday 21st

Cloudy this morning but warm. Evening clear and beautiful. Mr. Ebey went over to the Cove this morning after fruit trees and some other things he brought down with him. Mr. Fox,<sup>74</sup> Mr. Ivans<sup>75</sup> and Mr. Miller came home with him and took dinner. They have chartered the brig Cabbet to take to the Columbia, after families who wish to reside on the island; perhaps 30 or 40 which will be a great addition to our little settlement. We only number six families and about 15 children at present, most of them are too small to go to school. There are 18 bachelors and youths residing on the island, but we want more families, so we can have schools and churches for ourselves and our children. Coveland is beginning to improve. Vessels are beginning to load in the Cove with Spiles [piles] and square timber. There is one store at Coveland, and Mr. Fox is going on to erecting a saw and grist mill there, which will be a great advantage

<sup>74</sup>The identity of Mr. Fox, who is credited in this entry with the promotion of a saw and grist mill at Coveland, is not ascertained. None of the larger local historical works mentions him, nor is he credited by Whidbey Island historians with this work. Captain P. B. Barstow built the first store which was situated on the point which bears his name between the lagoon and the waterfront in Still's Park. The first mill was built about the time of the Civil War by John Robertson in the house now occupied by Jack Rosenfield. The second mill was operated by the Busbys. Flora Pearson Engle, *Early History of Whidbey Island, MS.*, in Edmond S. Meany Collection, Seattle.

<sup>75</sup>Henry Ivens.

to our beautiful island; as there is plenty of good timber for sawing and plenty of hands and oxen to cut and haul it to the mill, and our farmers have some wheat coming on, and will be able before another year to make their own bread in place of having to bring it from California and pay twenty dollars per hundred for it. We have but few hogs yet; but in another year we expect to have some. They can do well here on Kammus<sup>76</sup> there are quantities of it on this island, and it is excellent both for indians and hogs. A vessel went down the Straits today.

#### Tuesday 22nd

Day partly clear and partly cloudy. Mr. Ebey is setting out his fruit trees today in the yard. They consist of grafted apples, pears, peaches, and cherry, and grape, and plum. In the course of three years, if we live, and the trees do well, we will have plenty of choice fruit; which will be a great luxury indeed. Evening cloudy and turning quite cool. Some of the Klalm indians have returned to their old camping ground here in the lower part of our garden again; I do not intend to be troubled by them, as much as I have been heretofore. My health is some better today than it has been latterly. I hope it may continue better that I may be able to attend to my family and my household duties without suffering all the time. The children are studying their new books which their pa' brought them.

#### Wednesday 23rd

Morning a little cloudy. Mr. Crocket was here this morning to see what is best to be done in regard to paying the indians for the potatoes our cattle destroyed for them. Mr. Hays<sup>77</sup> from Olympia arrived here today off the Franklin his intention is to pay a visit to Susan Crocket. He is a widower. Dr. Lansdale is here tonight. Mr. Ebey enjoys himself very much in conversing with the Dr. I am pleased to see him so cheerful around his own peaceful fireside and hope he may continue cheerful and happy; Yet, he has many cares and troubles as we all have, and a great deal to attend to in supporting his family I Humbly pray God to sustain, assist him, and support him by His all saving grace; and help us both to tread this Earthly path together in happiness and affection. Training our children in the

<sup>76</sup>Kammus, or camas (*Camassia esculenta*) is a lily-like plant having a cluster of blue flowers at the end of the stem. The bulb, which forms the edible portion, resembles a fig in outward appearance. The indians throughout the Northwest depended upon this plant for a portion of their food supply. The word is of Nootkan origin from "chamass" meaning fruit or something sweet to eat.

<sup>77</sup>Gilmore Hays, a leader of a train in the emigration of 1852, took into company a lone wagon, in which was a sick child, and Mrs. Naomi Gilmore, taking pity on the child, nursed it for several days, not suspecting the nature of its malady. In the wake of the epidemic which followed Mr. Hays lost his wife and three of his seven children.

way they should go" and setting an example before them which they may look to as a pattern and guide when we are no more on this Earth.

Thursday 24th

Day pleasant and clear, very calm. Mr. Ebey and Mr. Hays have gone over to Col. Crocket's. We are alone all day but I am very busy ironing and doing up shirts. They returned towards night I do not know how the old gentleman succeed though I suppose not very well.

Friday 25th

Morning cloudy with some rain toward noon the wind became very high and disagreeable out. Mr. Ebey has commenced plowing today Mr. Engle is helping him. It is time to begin to plant some garden vegetables We have sown some cabbage, lettuce and tomato seeds. The ground is in fine order.

Saturday 26th

Morning foggy with a little rain. Mr. Ebey and Mr. Hays have gone to Mr. Alaxander's houseraising today. Evening still cloudy and a little rain falling now and then. Mr Ebey came back from the raising and brought Samuel Crocket with him who staid all night. They also enjoyed themselves very much in conversation on various interesting subjects, and we sat up very late.

Sabbath 27th

Day cloudy, but no rain fell until the close of the day John Crockett and Mr. Hays came a short time after breakfast Mr. Alaxander also came a while afterward. The indians are bothering us a great deal about their potatoes which our cattle and the cattle belonging to their neighbors, destroyed for them last Summer through their own neglect in not fencing or guarding them through the Summer and fall. They have been to see the agent and he will not pay them; And they threaten to kill our stock if we do not pay them. Their potatoes were estimated at 300 dollars by three competent judges The neighbors therefore met together and concluded it would be the best to pay them half the amount at this time and get them to wait for the ballance, rather than have any difficulty with them now when our settlement is weak; But to see that the same will not be to do again, and make them build good fences around their potatoes.

John Crocket paid 20 dollars,  
S. B. Crockett—paid 30 dollars,  
Mr. Alaxander paid 20 dollars

## Monday 28th

Morning cloudy, and some rain during the evening King George, General Taylor and Clonason are all here today receiving their money for their lost potatoes, and seem very well pleased.

## March 1st Tuesday

This is a beautiful warm day Mr. Ebey is very [busy] setting out his nursery of apple trees in the yard next the gate and had room only to transplant two for bearing trees and all the ballance in a nursery until next season One of the bearing trees is the Sweet Jane apple and the other

The names of the grafted peach trees are as follows. The first next the right hand of the Smokehouse is

1st Nectarine

2nd Admirable

3rd Ernest's favorite

4th Avery's Early

5th Red Rareripe.

## Wednesday 2

Day very clear and warm Mr. Ebey and Mr. Engle are plowing and getting along finely I am making a lead coloured dress, and the children are studying their books and doing a great many other turns. We succeeded in finding a young calf yesterday belonging to Bloss cow.

## Thursday 3rd

Morning foggy and a little showery I washed a large washing today with my new soap which takes the dirt and stains out of the clothes without boiling and with but little rubbing I only have to soak them 3 or four hours and rub them a little, ring them out and rinse them. It is called the Excelsior family soap. Mr. Ebey is sowing his wheat today Evening vey clear and warm like a Summer's eve.

## Friday 4th

Day clear and pleasant. Some young men came ashore from a brig wishing to find a location on the island for a storehouse Mr. Ebey recommended them to Coveland; they have 15 ton which they wish to land here and have it hauled over to the Cove— Today our new president Gen. Pierce takes his seat in the presidential Chair at Washing City, While President Fillmore retires from his seat I do not know at present where; There is a great parade made in the City today no doubt I hope and trust we will have a good President

in Mr. Pearce I think from what I can learn that he is a great and good man.

Saturday 5th

Morning clear and warm. We are very busy today scrubbing off the floors and cleaning the doors and tables I have an indian hired today to clear off the yard at 50 cts. Mr. Ebey is finishing harrowing in his wheat The crows are very troublesome on it.

Sunday 6th

Morning very thick with fog but quite warm and pleasant When the fog cleared away we noticed a large brig anchoring in close to our shore to put off some passengers from California who wish to settle on this island. Those young men who were looking for a station for a trading house, have their goods on board and wish to land them here but the Captain wishes them to get the scow and meet him at the head of the island and bring their goods off in it to the Cove; Which they have gone to do, and the vessel left this evening for above.

Monday 7th

Day beautiful and clear with a strong west wind Mr. Ebey hauling fire wood in the fore part of the day. the two young men who staid here last night went out to look for claims today and returned this evening.

Tuesday 8th

Morning cold and frosty a strong breeze from the North All day clear and warm in the middle of the day but toward evening it turned cool and the air frosty. My husband went to Coveland today and came home about 2 oclock with Mr. Howe with him who staid all night. Mr. Jenks and the other gentleman who have been here two nights left this morning for Oak Harbor after paying their bill which was six dollars.

Wednesday 9th

Still clear and frosty with a cool North wind. Mr. Howe got him some onions out of the garden to set out for seed and left for home. John Bartlet was here last night It is so rough and the wind so strong that he cannot go back to Port Townsend today and is staying until tomorrow. a Vessel went down the Straits today.

Thursday 10th

Morning quite warm The ground is white with snow this morning, but the Sun shone out so warm and bright that it all went off in an hour after sun up. This is a beautiful calm and pleasant day. John Bartlet left for home this morning after geting him some onions to

set out There is a great deal of trading and travelling backward and forward with the Klalm and Scadget indians. Mr. Ebey is cutting rail timber on the beach where there is an unusual quantity of drifted cedar timber.

Friday 11th

Morning rather cool the ground is frozen and some frost and ice discovered Evening clear and warmer We had a young calf out with the cow and it has been missing for several days We thought the indian dogs had killed it but last evening the indians found it in a hole in the prairie which had been dug for water The calf had been there three days and was still alive The cow had been around it but could do it no good Mr Ebey brought it home and paid the indian 8 yds. of callico for finding it.

Saturday 12th

Day very clear and pleasant We all dreamed a great deal about seeing Thomas and John and letters and newspapers last night and think perhaps they will come in a few days with Mr. Alaxander who is up the Sound.

Mr. Ebey went to the Cove today to get some pork and was gone until evening. Dr. Lansdale came home with him and went to Mr. Crockett's and returned here after dark and spent the night. I am very tired tonight and feel very badly have done a great deal today such as cooking cleaning up and ironing.

Sunday 13th

Another beautiful clear and warm day has dawned I feel as though I would like to hear a Sermon preached this beautiful Sabbath which makes a person feel so happy I hope the time will not be very long untill we will be blessed with the preached Gospel from Zealous Christian Ministers who are not laboring for money alone but for the good of the Church and Kingdom of Heaven, whose whole study and aim is to do good We do not want proud hypocritical men who call themselves Ministers of the Gospel in this new Country; we cannot place confidence in such if we know them Though they are hard to find out. Let us pray the Lord that He may send us pure-hearted laborors in this His plentiful vineyard that they may gather together those who seemed to be lost and scattered abroad in a heathenish land. and that He may preserve our faith in Christ and make us thankful for all His kind and tender mercies Dr Lansdale left for home this morning John Crockett was here a few minutes.



## Monday 14th

Morning cool and cloudy with a very strong South wind A vessel passed downward this morning. Evening very clear and warm We heard this evening that the Klalms have been over this morning to the Cove and killed four Skadget indians the latter came over here this evening with their guns to fight the Klalms who are camped here on our beach but they are cowardly and went away without doing any injury after firing a few gun shots.

## Tuesday 15th

Morning cool and clear with some frost Samuel Crockett came over this morning to get the indians to take him over to Port Townsend to get some provisions off a brig which has just arrived from California; but the indians charges four dollars for taking him over and back and therefore he and Mr. Ebey took oxen and wagon and went over to the Cove and hauled over a canoe which Mr. Ebey had there and now I think we will be independent of the indians in that respect. Old King George came over from Port T. today and there was a Skadget standing by their camp door when K. G. slipped up behind him and shot him dead and threw him in the bay I heard the report of the gun but did not go out to look what was going on but presently I heard the news from the indian children. Mr. Ebey went down in the evening and there was the dead indian floating back and forth upon the beach by the serf. It was a distressing sight They say their reasons for doing so is that they think there is among the Skadjets what I suppose superstitious white people would call witches and they are trying to kill them off as a head klalm and a Skadget chief died this winter the klalms think they have been killed in that way by some of their doctors.

## Wednesday 16th

Morning cloudy but calm. Samuel Crockett, Hugh and Mr. Hill went over to Port Townsend this morning Evening beautiful and clear. Water almost perfectly calm Mr. Ebey is harrowing his potatoe ground today. The children are cutting potatoes to plant and I am doing housework and sewing, but feel but little able to attend to business. I hear no shooting among the indians today but some of old Lalock's family stood guard all night fearing the Skadgets would come upon them and kill them. I understand today that they have all moved off from the Cove to Oak Harbor 8 or ten miles distant. You may see this in years gone by, may wonder how the first settlers of this country could live here without being in a great deal of danger but suffice it to say that although there are but few families of us

here we feel in perfect safety The indians know better than to murder a white person They know we could soon have them all killed and driven off Therefore they live in obedience and fear toward the Whites.

Thursday 17th

Day rather stormy and blustery water very rough this morning Two indians came over from Port Townsend this morning and was overwhelmed in the water near the shore and lost their canoe and everything in it. Evening more calm The indians on the beach about eight in all came to us for protection this evening they were afraid to stay in their own house all night We let them stay in one room.

Friday 18th

Day very pleasant but a little cloudy and some appearance of rain Samuel Crockett and the ballance returned home from Port Townsend today. They bought flour for 10 dollars per hundred and corn meal for eight dollars from a vessel that is anchored there; There was no pork to be had. I am washing today Mr. Ebey is beginning to plant potatoes.

Saturday 19

Cloudy all day today. We are preparing to go to Mr. Crockett's this evening to stay all night on a visit The neighbors held a small convention today at our house to nominate a delegate to go to the convention at Salem but they did not send one.

Sunday 20

Day cloudy and cool some rain falling arrived home from Mr. Crockett's and found Thomas here; he had left John and James on the Columbia who intend coming soon. They lost all their cattle in the winter except four which they intended selling at the Paxodes I am very sorry for their losses but thankful that they are all in good health after such trouble as they had in The Fall and Winter. as every one experienced who immigrated last Season Most of them lost all their cattle in the snow and had to pay very high for provisions I am very glad that Thomas has returned once more and hope he will continue.

Monday 21st

All went to work today planting potatoes. Day very pleasant The indians have all returned from Port Townsend and are camped above the beach

Tuesday 22nd

Day very clear, calm, and warm Mr. Ebey and the boys are planting potatoes. No news and no person passing today. All well.

Wednesday 23rd

Night very stormy some rain fell this morning about 10 oclock the rain turned to snow and it snowed on until night but a great deal of it melted as it fell The wind blew very hard all day The men could not work out but staid about the house and cut potatoes to plant.

Thursday 24th

Morning warm and pleasant The sun shone out very bright and soon melted off all the Snow and dried the ground Mr. Ebey and the boys have gone about three miles off to cut rail timber as the ground is too wet to plant potatoes I am alone all day.

Friday 25th

Day warm and pleasant. The men are all gone to the rail timber. The children are studying their books and getting wood. No news to relate today.

Saturday 26th

Day warm but cloudy I washed a large washing today and was very tired in the evening. My clothes dried in a few minutes commenced raining late in the evening and rained harder than it has done since last Fall.

Sunday 27th

Day very clear, but very windy Wind from the South. No visitors today We are all generally engaged in reading and all well, for which I feel as if I cannot be thankful enough for to our Heavenly Father Who is so much better to us than we deserve. We do not praise him enough for all His tender mercies. May He give grace and make us more obedient children is my prayer.

Monday 28th

West wind very light today and quite cool too much so far the men to be out at work. Thomas is making a door to his house and the ballance are keeping fires and reading, there is but little pleasure in or out.

Tuesday 29th

Day very calm and warm. They continue planting potatoes. Dr Lansdale came over today to go to Port Townsend to see Mrs. Pettygrove who has been ill for some time; But the wind raised and blew very hard all night and the indians would not venture out.

Wednesday 30th

Very Strong West wind all day today and very cool for the time in the Season A vessel seen coming up the Straits today which went

in to Port Townsend. Thomas is working at his chimney today, and Mr. Ebey has gone to the Cove. Quite cool this evening.

Thursday 31st

Still cool and windy The water is very rough. another vessel came in to Port Townsend today Mr. Ebey is harrowing his potatoe ground. I feel very unwell today Dr. Kenedy & son took dinner with us today. They are just from Fort Nesqually and brought us a handsome present of Grape Slips from Dr. Tolmie which is very acceptable and will give us a good commencement of grape vines if they do well. They also brought us some late papers.

April 1st Friday

Morning cool and wind high. Though towards noon the wind ceased and it became very calm Dr. Lansdale took dinner here today and went to Port Townsend this evening in a canoe Henry Wilson of Port Townsend came over this evening and went back with King George who was drinking a good deal. Turning cooler towards evening and the wind rising a great appearance of rain The men are planting potatoes today. I feel better today than usual but have no hopes of continuing so longer than one day at a time But I pray God to make me content with my situation and happy under any circumstances whatever.

Saturday 2nd

Day cloudy with some showers of rain all planting potatoes two vessels in the Straits.

Sunday 3rd

Day beautiful and clear looking a good deal for Ann Crockett today but she does not come We are very scarce of female neighbors here and desirous of having more hope we will have some time. Mr. Alaxander here this evening Hugh Crockett here for dinner.

Monday 4th

Day pleasant with but little wind. Mr. Ebey and Samuel Crockett went to view out a road today to Coveland.

Tuesday 5th

Morning clear and frosty; quite cool and but little breeze. All busy planting potatoes I am very unwell today and scarcely able to do my work. The two little boys are kept busy all the time doing the turns and helping me.

Wednesday 6th

Day clear and pleasant, but the morning was cool with a large frost. Mr. Ebey planted a pound of onion seed today and some turnip seed.

Thursday 7th

Morning foggy and a good deal of rain fell through the day Finished planting potatoes today Dr. Lansdale over today a short time.

Friday 8th

Day cloudy but no rain Mr. Ebey, Thomas and Howard all went to help cut out a road from this prairie to Coveland and returned in the evening very tired I washed today and had a hard job.

Saturday 9th

Day cloudy and some rain during the day a vessel coming up the Strait Thomas and Howard are working on Thomas' claim Mr. Ebey is making a book case. I am ironing and cooking for Sunday, and the children are doing the chores and studying their books and are uncommon industrious.

Sunday 10th

Morning clear and pleasant. We were very late getting up this morning; A little after breakfast Brothers John and James came and no one on Earth can describe my feelings when I saw them I was truly glad to see them but fresh thoughts of my dear mother came in to my mind and O the anguish of my heart but for giving vent by screaming as loud as I could it seemed my heart would break. I thought I had gotten over her death and given up to be resigned to it, until I saw them and the sight of those who saw her leave this world and buried her brought her fresh to my memory. But the Lord assist me and enable me by his grace to be content. John looks very natural and how happy I am that he has come he is my eldest brother and has such sound judgment and so steady that he appears to me almost in the place of a father Hereafter I will not be so lonely when Mr. Ebey is gone.

Monday 11th

Day very pleasant and clear Mr. Ebey and John have gone to look for claims over to the Cove. Thomas and Howard have gone to Maj. Show's to haul home some potatoes for Thomas.

Tuesday 12th

Morning cool and day clear Mr. Ebey and John have gone out again to look for claims in a large prairie South East of here. Thomas

Howard and James are planting potatoes on Thomas' claim a vessel went into Port Townsend today.

Wednesday 13th

Morning cloudy and South wind very high Mr. Ebey and John have gone to look at some more prairies and the ballance of the boys have all gone to plant potatoes. I washed a large washing today by having a s quaw to assist me Dr. Lansdale was here today.

Thursday 14

Day clear and pleasant John has gone to Oak harbor to look around a vessel gone up today.

Friday 15th

Day very pleasant a little west breeze. Hired a squaw to wash the floors all well but Eason who is complaining John returned from Oak Harbor by noon Hugh Crockett here at dinner.

Saturday 16th

A very pleasant warm day. All the boys gone to cut a road to the rail timber I am very much fatigued this evening ironing and preparing for Sunday Twenty or thirty indians landed on our shore this evening from Port Townsend with their guns and knives to make war with those who are camped here They fired guns and made a great noise but soon made friends again and are in peace.

Sunday 17th

Day cloudy till towards evening when it was clear and pleasant John and Ann Crockett were here today I was glad to see her and it done me a great deal of good, and raised my spirits some.

Monday 18th

Morning a little cloudy, but the day warm and clear Mr. Ebey and the boys have gone to haul rail timber. John has gone to work on Capt. Bell's claim and thinks of taking it. Bought some feathers from the indians Evening clear and the West wind rising. James started at twelve to take the men their dinners.

Tuesday 19th

Morning cloudy with a heavy dew, but towards 9 oclock the Sun shone out clear and we had a pleasant, calm day. Maj Show came over this morning to go to Port Townsend; There were no indians here and he and John went to Mr. Crockett's to get Mr. Ebey's canoe and go. I sent by them for some cupboard ware. Mr. Ebey has been out all day hauling rail timber, came home this evening very tired, but has gone to Mr. Crockett's to take a yearling calf that

gets all the milk from its mother. We have just received the mail by Capt. Paddle's boat. I feel very much fatigued this evening; I hired a Squaw to wash and assisted her some and done my other work. The indians have all left today for some time.

Wednesday 20th

Morning clear but evening cloudy. John Ross a half breed and his wife also half french and half indian are here this evening. They are moving from Cowlitz to Victoria. He brout us a letter from the Colonial Schoolmaster of the Hudson Bay Company at Victoria very respectfully inviting us to send our children to school under his charge. He promises to do a great deal by them and the price for each pupil is only 12 pounds per annum, for boarding and tuition. We think we will avail ourselves of such an excellent opportunity of getting our children educated. This gentleman (Mr. Robert Barr) previous to his leaving England was Master of the Leeds Moral and Industrial Training College (England) and has a certificate of Competency from the Lords Commissioners of the Queen's privy Council on Education. Mr. Ebey and myself are both complaining today of being rather unwell. Mr. Ebey made a door to the little bed room, and a bedstead.

Thursday 21st

Cloudy, and raining a great deal this morning. Just after we finished breakfast Maj. Show and brother John came home from Port Townsend. They started from there at dark and were nearly all night getting to shore. The water was very rough and they made a narrow escape with their lives. They had a large canoe and a great many heavy things in it. They had to throw some of them over board. It is a great blessing that they did not get drowned. They are very much fatigued, and worn. Continues raining very hard.

Friday 22nd

Day clear and pleasant. Two preachers (Rev Mr. Clare from Olympia and Mr. Morse<sup>78</sup> from the Willamette,) and Mr. Miller came here this evening after night and staid all night. Mr. Clare intends preaching here on Sunday morning.

Saturday 23rd

Morning cloudy but evening clear. Six men came from off the brig Cabbot (which landed last night in the Cove from the Co-

<sup>78</sup>"In 1852 the Methodist conference of Oregon assigned Benjamin Close to a pastorate at Olympia. He preached his first sermon on the 26th of Dec. [1852] in a school-house just erected in that place. In the following April Close and an associate, Morse, made a tour of the settlements down the Sound, and Morse was assigned to duty."—H. H. Bancroft, *History of Washington*, etc., p. 373.

lumbia) They all have families and some of them wish to take claims on the island. The preachers have gone to Port Townsend.

This evening a gentleman off the Cabbot brought a lady to our house with 5 other ladies and gentlemen and was married by brother Clare who just returned in time. It is the first marriage that has ever been on the Island.<sup>79</sup>

#### Sunday 24th

Morning cool and rainy. All our neighbors cannot get out to preaching today. Col. Crockett brought Mrs. Crockett and Susan over, and all his boys. We had tolerable good congregation, and heard a good Sermon. All left after the Sermon and went to the Cove to preaching.

#### Monday 25th

Still raining some today and cool. The bride and groom Mr. and Mrs. Doyle are staying here until they get a house raised. Mr. and Mrs. Ivins also came this evening to stay a while. The preachers left today. One of them is going to preach to us monthly. It is a great thing to have preaching once more. I hope it may do our Island some good.

#### Tuesday 26th

Still raining and quite cool. Mrs. Doyl's sister (Mrs. Kellogg) came from the Cabbot to see her before she would leave for Olympia, where she is going to reside.

#### Wednesday 27th

Morning clear and warm. Evening cloudy and cool. Mr. Ivins is working on his claim not far from Mr. John Crockett's. Mr. Miller was here today all day. Judge Strong, Mr. Starling and Maj. Goldborough were here today on their way to Dungeness.

#### Thursday 28th

Day pleasant until toward evening. A vessel passed going up the Straits. Mr. Hancock<sup>80</sup> was here trying to hire oxen to haul out

<sup>79</sup>"In the spring of 1853 the brig J. C. Cabot, Dreydon master, brought to the island from Portland John Kellogg, James Busby, Thomas Hastie, Henry Ivins, John Dickenson, all of whom had families. Mrs. Rebecca Maddox and five children, Mrs. Grove Terry and daughter Cloe, R. L. Doyle, who married Miss Terry, Nelson Basil, and A. Woodard, who subsequently went to Olympia."—*Ibid.*, p. 30.

<sup>80</sup>Samuel Hancock must be enumerated among the early pioneers of Washington. According to a manuscript which he prepared in 1860 entitled "Thirteen Years' Residence in Washinton Territory," he was on the Sound as early as 1847 and between that date and 1851 visited most of the coastline of the territory, including Puget Sound. He claims to have been the first discoverer of coal in the region east of the Sound, and he further claims to have been the first white man to have explored the Duwamish, Cedar, and other streams. He settled down to simple life in 1852 and was married to Susan Crockett. He died in 1883 at Coupeville.



Spiles [piles] He could not get them, and went on to Mr. Crockett's to hire them to haul out several cargoes.

Friday 29th

Morning clear and warm. Mrs. Doyle washed a large washing of clothes today Mrs. Ivins went out to her claim to make some garden and was gone all day

Saturday 30th

Day pleasant until towards evening when the wind raised very high and it was quite cool.

Mr. Morse our preacher for the island came this evening from Billingham's bay and is very well pleased with that country and the people Tomorrow was his day to preach at Port Townsend but the water is so rough that he cannot get over and intends preaching here.

May the 1st Sunday

Morning warm and clear. preaching commenced at 11 oclock. We had a tolerable good congregation for this country. John and Ann Crockett staid until evening The ballance of the crowd left as soon as preaching broke.

Monday 2nd

Raining this morning very hard and rained a great deal in the night. Cloudy and cool all day. I am very unwell today my cold is no better this evening. Thomas and John are plowing and planting potatoes. Mr. Ebey is making an axehelve, Mr. Ivins and Mr. Doyle are working on their claims and the ballance of us are cooking and sewing. Mrs. Ivins gave us several tunes on her guitar this evening and Mr. I assisted by playing the violin They have a beautiful tone when played together.

Tuesday 3rd

Raining very hard this morning at daylight and we have had showers of rain all day. Mr. Ebey and Thomas are fencing on the beach to prevent the cattle from coming on the wheat Mrs. I. is gone all day to her claim to make garden. I was very unwell this morning but feel better this evening The evening appears to be clearing off and we have an appearance of clear weather, we have had a long spell of rain for this time in the year which is unusual in this country. Though everything is growing finely

Wednesday 4th

Still cloudy but warm A vessel is coming up the Straits this morning and another is going out from Port Townsend.

## Thursday 5th

This morning is clear and the day pleasant I feel stronger and in better health today than I have done for three weeks I think the weather has a great effect on my health.

## Friday 6th

Morning warm and clear The Straits are very calm and everything looks pleasant all day. Mr. Ebey and the boys are rafting rail timber and it is a serious job.

## Saturday 7th

Today is a warm and clear day. Thermometer is at Summer heat. Mr. Ivans is raising his house today. All the families are gone this evening but myself and Mrs Doyle. She is busy ironing and I am doing the baking for Sunday.

## Sabbath 8th

Another beautiful clear morning has dawned The water is perfectly calm. A gentleman from Billingham's Bay staid here last night He is gone over to Port Townsend this morning. He is one of the owners of the Coal claim there. Two Gentlemen from Dwamish have just arrived. One of them is Mr. Wiley the first editor of the Columbian and the other is a lawyer by the name of McConcha<sup>81</sup> who is candidate for Congress from this northern territory. He is a very self conceited man in appearance.

## Monday 9th

A gooddeal of strong west wind today, the Water is quite rough; Though the Sun shines very clear. Mr. Ebey and his two guests have gone over to the Cove.

## Tuesday 10th

Day very pleasant Mr. and Mrs. Ivans prepared and moved this evening to their claim although their house has no covering and there is a great appearance of rain. Mr. Ebey and Thomas are busy making fence around the potatoes. Mr. Ebey is working very hard digging holes for posts for palings.

## Wednesday 11th

A very heavy rain fell last night which causes me to pity Mrs. Ivans knowing she has been very wet all night without a shelter. The mail carrier came today with a great many papers for us and

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<sup>81</sup>G. N. McConaha, Sr., of Seattle, first president of the territorial council, was drowned by the overturning of a canoe, while in company with Captain P. B. Barstow, on May 23, 1854. See, ante, note 74.

some letters. Among them was a letter from Winfield. They are all well and wish very badly to come to Oregon but cannot make the outfit this Season. I hope they can come next season at farthest. Sister Martha and husband are coming this Season.

We have just received news by the mail that our territory is Organized and called Washington Territory and a gentleman from Massachusetts by the name of [Isaac I. Stevens] is appointed Governor. We are all very much rejoiced at the idea of having a territory of our own North of the Columbia. It will go forward in improvements and settle up very fast in spite of Oregon territory. The great rush hereafter from the States will be for Washington Territory. And it will make one of the best States in the Union and has more advantages besides its mild climate than any state in the Union. But I am too unwell to say so much on such subjects. I will leave it for those who are stronger, I am very weak at this time.

#### Thursday 12th

We had a good deal of rain last night again but today it has cleared off and is quite pleasant and calm. Mr. Hancock and Samuel Crockett took dinner here today. They brought us down some pork from the vessel. I sent Mrs. Crockett some vinegar by Samuel and Susan a dress. Capt. Boscow and his partner staid here last night.

#### Friday 13th

Weather calm and clear. A vessel coming up the Straits today. Capt. Paddle called here today on the hunt of a boat that got away from him last night. It was loaded with about \$500 worth of flour, pork and other articles—

#### Saturday 14th

Day cloudy and until evening which is clear and pleasant. Mrs. Doyle is busy scrubbing and ironing today. I am not able to do much.

#### Sunday 15th

This is a beautiful Sabbath, Everything and person looks pleasant and happy. We have had preaching here today and but a small congregation only three females of us. Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Doyle and myself. I thought brother Morse preached a better Sermon than usual. I hope his preaching will do our island a great deal of good in the end, he seems so zealous in the cause of the Gospel. I feel better today than I have done for some time.

**Monday 16**

Still clear but quite windy water very rough a vessel coming in and one going out.

I wrote a letter to Aunt Martha and one to aunt Polly today.

**Tuesday 17**

Weather clear today but quite cool and a strong West breeze stirring. Dr. Lansdale and Hugh Crockett here a short time today. Brother John killed a fine deer last night Mr. Ebey is splitting rails on the beach. I am very unwell today scarcely able to sit up. Mrs. Doyle is very kind doing the work and letting me rest. or I would give entirely out.

**Wednesday 18th**

This is a beautiful clear and calm day All seems serene and happy. I feel quite well today, The preacher staid here last night. He is going to start over to Oregon in a few days I have written to aunt Martha to come over with him and the roads are dry at this Season of the year. Mr. Ebey is very hard at work malling rails. Two Frenchmen and some indians came here this evening in a canoe. They found Capt. Paddle's boat on a little island below here cut to pieces and some of the other articles not far off. An. account book with the Capt. name in several places and writing. We suppose the indians from Port Townsend Stole the boat that night and took it down there to hide it and the articles.

**Thursday 19th**

Calm and pleasant; I think this is the most lovely day we have had this Spring The Straits seem perfectly calm. A vessel going up today. Mrs. Doyle is washing today. Mr. Doyle has gone to Oak Harbor to look at the Country and will be gone until tomorrow evening Mr. Ebey is malling rails on the beach and it appears to be very warm for him today. Hugh Crockett and John went to Port Towsend today.

**Friday 20th**

Day cloudy and a great appearance of rain Cleared off towards evening and was very windy but pleasant. all the men gone but Mr. Ebey.

**Saturday 21st**

Morning cloudy and warm very much like rain Towards 12 o'clock the Sun shone out and we had a beautiful evening. Mrs Doyle is ironing I am very weak today Can scarcely do my cooking. I am very lean and feel sometimes like my stay on this earth will not be very long. The Will of the Lord be done in all things I have become

resigned to His Will. If He thinks it best for me to leave this earth soon, it is all right. I will leave all I hold dear here, into his special care. O, may he watch over them and protect them during life and not let them neglect their Soul's Salvation. O, may they not quench the teachings of the Spirit and not neglect the reading of His bible and fervent prayer continually.

#### Sabbath 22nd

Day beautiful and clear. No person here today the first Sabbath we have not had company for five or six of them. Dr. Lansdale came over late this evening to see Mr. Ebey about holding an inquest over the body of Old Mr. Church who was found dead on his claim at Oak Harbor. It is supposed he was killed by the indians.

#### Monday 23

Went to day to Oak Harbor and held an Inquest over the body of Judah Church—inquest of the jury that he came to his death by some cause unknow to the jury his body was a good deal decayed we buried his remains by throwing a mound of earth on the same—returned home late in the evening

#### Tuesday 24th

Hawled some wood to day and went to Col Crockettes after a cask of pork

Day pleasant

#### Wednesday 25

Split rails in the fore noon in the afternoon went to Coveland for Dr Lansdale in the evening went for Mrs Alaxander Thomas went for Mrs Ann Crockette and Mrs Ivans; John killed a deer this evening Evening quite windy.

#### Thursday 26

Rebecca was delivered this morning at about 1, oclock AM of a fine daughter She suffered a good deal but not so much as we expected Our little daughter we conclude to call Sarah Harriet for Rebeccas Mother and Sister and for my Mother and Sister, She is quite comfortable day verry pleasant—and warm women Dr and all went home after brakfast Capt Dryden called this evening from Olympia brought me word down of my appointment as Collector of the Port of Pugets Sound vice Simpson P. Moses removed— Mrs Crockette came over this evening

## Fryday 27th

Day pleasant Dr Lansdale called over today Rebecca doing well—

## Sat 28th

Dr Hayden U S A and Lieut Rentz of sam with Col. E. A. Starling Indian Agent with a detachment of soldiers called here this morning spent the day in company with them—

## Sun. 29

Went this morning with the Leut and Dr to the Cove called on Capt Bascom [Barstow] Dr Lansdale and others returned in the afternoon day pleasant—

Rebecca still improving— Mrs Crockett went home to day

## Monday 30

Commenced halling rails to fence in my feald Lieut. K. Dr. H. & Col. S. all gone to Col Crocketts on a hunting and visiting excursion. four vessels this morning in sight all going out I think— Afternoon verry windy from the west

## Tuesday 31st

Morning cloudy with a light wind from the south the Lieut starts this morning for New Dungiess the Dr and Col Starling goes back to Steilacoom— I conclude to go with them Rebecca quite smart—

## Sat Oct 8

Kind Reader the hand that pened the most of this volum is now cold with the icy chill of death. The loveing heart from whence flowed the passages of affection in this volum is forever stilled, But the sperit that animated and prevad all I trust still lives, more pure, and refined than when on earth. A sperit perfect rejoicing around the throne of God and a Savior forever.

Rebecca W. Ebey Departed this life on the 29 day of September A D 1853 at about 6 oclock P M. Aged 30 years 9 months & one day and in ninth year eleventh month and 26th day of wedlock.

I. N. E.